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**Letter dated 12 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a joint communiqué by H.E. President Yoweri Museveni of the Republic of Uganda and H.E. President Ismail Omar Guelleh of the Republic of Djibouti regarding bilateral and regional issues towards peace and security in the Horn of Africa (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter, together with its annex, issued as a document of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 12 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

## Joint communiqué

1. At the invitation of H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. President Ismail Omar Guelleh of the Republic of Djibouti paid a three-day official visit to Uganda, from 4 to 6 July 2000.

2. His Excellency Ismail Omar Guelleh was accompanied by the Hon. Elmi Obsieh Waiss, Minister of Commerce and Industry, and other senior government officials.

3. The two Heads of State met in a warm and cordial atmosphere, reflecting the friendly and fraternal relations existing between the peoples and Governments of Uganda and Djibouti. They held fruitful discussions on bilateral and regional issues.

4. President Ismail Guelleh noted with satisfaction the economic progress which Uganda has made under the able leadership of H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. He commended the Government of Uganda for strengthening peace and stability in the country.

5. President Yoweri Museveni commended the contribution of the Republic of Djibouti towards peace and security in the Horn of Africa, and particularly for President Ismail Omar Guelleh's innovative peace initiative for Somalia. He noted that both countries should use their complementary efforts to further strengthen peace, security, stability and development in the region.

6. On bilateral cooperation, the two Heads of State stressed the need to explore ways of developing and strengthening trade relations between the two countries, particularly within the framework of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

7. In this regard they called for the establishment of a Uganda/Djibouti joint trade commission. They instructed the responsible ministers to embark on the necessary preparations without delay. In addition, they encouraged private sector cooperation through their respective chambers of commerce and industry.

8. On regional matters, the two Heads of State exchanged views on the problems affecting the region. They underscored the importance of negotiations to bring about political solutions to regional problems.

9. During his stay, H.E. President Ismail Omar Guelleh held a breakfast meeting with prominent Ugandan businessmen and exchanged views with them on how to improve business relations between the two countries. He later visited the Kiira power station and the source of the Nile in Jinja.

10. At the end of his visit, H.E. President Ismail Omar Guelleh expressed gratitude and satisfaction to President Museveni and the people of Uganda for the warm reception and cordial hospitality extended to him and his delegation during his stay in Uganda.

He invited his Ugandan counterpart to pay a return visit to Djibouti on a date that is mutually convenient. President Museveni gladly accepted.